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BLDS
British Library for Development Studies

BLDS@ M25 Consortium

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(UK, Canada, large parts of Africa)
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The Library: BLDS

- Established 40 years ago to play role of a 'national resource on development'
- Largest collection of development literature in Europe
- 2 roles:
 - support post-graduate teaching and research on campus
 - provide services to international users, particularly those in developing countries

Why did we join the M25 Consortium?

- Joined March 2006
- Inform25 (BLDS catalogue not yet included)
- CPD25
- Networking

And have subsequently found useful.....

- M25 E-Bulletin (love it!)

What might we find useful in the future?

- More technical support (to join Inform25)
- Working groups (Resource Discovery, Quality)
- Professional development: at all levels
- Mentoring programme
- Links to key documents/resources/web-sites
- More use of Web 2.0 functionalities
(opportunities to join communities of interest, blogs)
- Help with fundraising!

Thank you!